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OF

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES,

March, 1906.

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Monthly Meeting of the Council.

HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1906.

Present—Councillors Jackson (chairman), Briggs, Moorhouse, Horne, Dodgeon, Riding, Robinson, D'Arcy, Pollard, Lonsdale, Foster, and R. Ingham.

Minutes of Council Meeting

RESOLVED—That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on the 18th January, 1906, having been printed and circulated among the members, be taken as a correct record of the proceedings.

Minutes of Committee Meetings

RESOLUTIONS were passed that the minutes of the Meetings of the undermentioned Committees, held on the following dates, be confirmed :—

General Purposes Committee, February 2nd. 1906.

Council in Committee. February 5th, 1906.

Education Committee, February 6th 1906.

Gas and Water Committee, February 7th, 1906.

Building, Highway, Sewage, &c., Committee, February 7th, 1906.

Health Committee, February 7th, 1906.

Finance and Assessment Committee, February 7th, 1906.

Gas Annuities

RESOLVED—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Register of the Gas Annuities for the half-year ending March 25th, 1906.

Materials

RESOLVED—That the Gas Manager be instructed to advertise for tenders for materials and carting required in his department for the year ending March 31st, 1907.

Mortgages

RESOLVED—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the three following Mortgages in favour of the Padiham and District Permanent Benefit Building Society.

Date.	On what Account.	Amt.	Rate of Interest.	Term.
1905, Dec. 31.	Gas, 1876.	£600	3½ per cent.	5
Ditto.	Water Act 1874-1882	£600	3½ per cent.	5
Ditto.	Water Act 1889	£1,400	3½ per cent.	5

Caretaker

RESOLVED—That Mr. Nicholas Robinson, of 13, Higham Street, Padiham, be appointed Cleaner and Caretaker of the Offices of the Council at a salary of £1 per week, such duties as Caretaker to commence as and from the 16th February, 1906, and to be under the supervision and direction of the Surveyor of the Council.

Lancashire Electric Power Bill, 1906

Read letter from the Clerk to the Lancashire Association of Urban District Council's relative to the opposition to the Lancashire Electric Power Bill, 1906.

RESOLVED—That the matter be referred to the Parliamentary Committee for consideration.

Annual Holidays.

The minutes of the Meeting of the Operatives, Employers and Trades people of the District, with reference to the Annual Holidays, was read.

RE ANNUAL HOLIDAYS.

Chairman:—Councillor H. C. Jackson, J.P.

The Chairman reported that pursuant to the resolution of this Council, passed on the 16th November, 1905, he had convened a meeting of the Operatives, Employers, and Trades people of the District to consider the advisability of bringing about a change of the date of the Annual Holidays so as to cause the same to be held at a date more convenient for the various parties interested, which Meeting was held at the Council Offices on the 4th instant at 7 p.m., and was attended by members or representatives of the following Associations and firms:—

Nicholas Robinson..	Twisters' Association
Herbert Laycock	Warehousemens' Association
Edward Bayliss	Overlookers' Association
Robert Bispham & Mr. Wilkinson ..	Spinners' Association

Wm. Cronshaw	Cardroom Hands Association
Robert Hargreaves and David Russel ..	Padiham Weavers' Association
Mr. Hargreaves	Coal Dealers' Association
A. J. Harrison, Esq.. ..	Secretary, Gas Employees. Manager, Gas Works
Mr. Worswick ..	The Church St. Mnnufacturing Co.
Representative ..	The Perseverance Mill Co., Ltd.
Representative	George Green & Co.
Representative	J. Whittaker & Sons, Ltd.
George Ernest Jackson	Riverside Mill
Mr. Adams ..	The Sowerby St. Manufacturing Co., Ltd.
J. & J. Graham (both)	Grove Mill, Padiham
Walter Helm	Francis Helm, Ltd.
George Duxbury	J. & G. Duxbury, Ltd.
James Birtwistle	Joiner
Mr. Davies (Lund & Davies)	Joiner
Mr. Whittaker ..	The Padiham Soap & Chemical Co.
Mr. Coe	The Padiham Aerated Water Co., Ltd.
Representative	Job Pollard & Sons
J. Haworth..	Printer
Mr. Hartley (Hartley & Sons)	Tailors
R. W. Hargreaves.. ..	Padiham Agricultural Society

That at such meeting the matter was discussed, but having regard to an intimation by the Secretary of the Weavers' Association that there would shortly be a meeting of Cotton Manufacturers and their Employees upon the Holidays, which rendered it inadvisable in his opinion to discuss the matter fully now.

It was MOVED by Mr. Walter Helm, of Messrs. Francis Helm, Limited, and seconded by Mr. Hargreaves, coal dealer, that a recommendation be sent to the Employers and

Operatives Association that the Annual Holidays for the Padiham Distrit, held in the month of August, should commence on the Friday evening following the Wednesday evening on which they commence according to present arrangements.

An Amendment was moved by Mr. Whittaker (representing the Padiham Soap and Chemical Co.), and seconded by Mr. Russell, of the Padiham Weavers' Association (he expressly stating that he seconded it in his personal capacity and not as representing the Association) that the Annual Holidays, usually held in the month of August, should begin on the evening of the last Friday in July.

On being put to the meeting the amendment was carried, 8 voting for and 6 against, and such amendment on being put to the meeting as a substantive resolution, was carried, 9 voting for and none against.

Resolved—That the same be entered on the minutes of the Council.

Annual Report of Medical Officer.

The Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1905 was read.

Resolved—That the consideration of the Report be referred to the Health Committee.

Sinking Fund.

The Accountant read the correspondence with the Local Government Board with reference to the sinking fund instalment of £126 14s. 0d. in connection with the loan of £1,500 for Gasworks purposes, but no resolution was passed.

Orchard Mill Fire Escape.

RESOLVED—That the notice with respect to the provision of means of escape in case of fire from Orchard Mill, Padiham, directed by a resolution of the Building, Highway, Sewage, etc., Committee, be served upon Mr. Thomas Catlow, the owner of the mill, and that he be required to carry out the work by the before mentioned resolution decided upon, on or before the 31st day of March, 1906.

Cooker Scheme.

RESOLVED—That a separate working account be kept in connection with the free cookers scheme.

Lowerhouse Brook Bridge.

Councillor Pollard reported as to the bad condition of the Lowerhouse Brook Bridge, situate at the bottom of Scott street.

RESOLVED—That the attention of the owners of the land adjoining such Bridge, be called to its bad condition.

Plans.

RESOLVED—That the plan submitted by Messrs. Foster Sons, & Co., Ltd., for the erection of 10 dwellinghouses in Lawrence Street Padiham, be approved.

RESOLVED—That the plan submitted by Messrs. William Griffiths & Co., for the erection of 17 dwellinghouses in Ash Street, Padiham, be approved.

Extraordinary Meeting of the Council.

HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, 1906.

Present—Councillors Jackson (chair), Riding, Horne, Hargreaves, Briggs, Robinson, Moorhouse, Pollard, R. Ingham, J. H. Ingham, and Lonsdale.

The minutes of the Meeting of the Building, Highway, Sewage, etc., Committee, held this day, were read.

RESOLVED—That the same be approved and confirmed.

Application to erect temporary Theatre.

An application, dated the 27th inst, from Mr. Alfred Denville, of Pear Tree Cottage, Dalton-in-Furness, to take a portion of the vacant land in Station Road, Padiham, for the purpose of erecting a temporary theatre thereon, was read and a plan of such proposed theatre was also submitted.

RESOLVED—That such application be acceded to, subject to Mr. Denville paying in advance a weekly rental of 30/-, the tenancy of such land to be determinable by a fortnights' notice on either side, such temporary theatre to be erected according to plan submitted, and the tenancy of such land to commence as soon as Mr. Denville takes possession of the said land or a part thereof.

Parliamentary Committee.

HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 1906.

Present—Councillors Briggs, Riding, and Horne.

RESOLVED—That in the absence of Councillor Jackson, the Chairman of this Committee, Councillor Briggs do take the Chair.

Lancashire Electric Power Bill, 1906.

The Committee considered the Bill presented by the Lancashire Electric Power Company and arranged to let the matter stand over for the present.

General Purposes Committee.

HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, 1906.

Present—Councillors Jackson, J.P. (chair), Foster, Horne Riding, Hargreaves, Moorhouse, and Briggs.

Lancashire County Council

Rate for Higher Education Purposes

The Committee considered the notice from the Local Government Board relative to the application to the Local Government Board by the Lancashire County Council for sanction to levy a rate of three pence in the pound for the purpose of supplying or aiding the supply of Education other than Elementary, and of promoting the general co-ordination of all forms of Education within the County of Lancaster, and also letters from the Clerk to the Fleetwood Urban District Council, and the Clerk to the Ulverston Rural District Council, relative to the opposing of such application.

Resolved—That no action be taken by this Council in the matter.

Education Committee.

MEETING HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 6th, 1906.

Present—Councillors Foster (chairman), D'Arcy, Horne, and Pollard, and Messrs. Bradshaw, Hargreaves, Helm, Tattersall, Worswick, and Wray.

The notice convening the meeting was read.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read.

Accounts

RESOLVED—That the Accounts, as presented by the Accountant, be recommended to the Finance Committee for payment.

	£	s.	d.
Wages.....	5	8	10
Revenue	14	5	7
	£19	14	5

Grant Claims and Annual Returns

RESOLVED—That the Secretary make out the Annual Returns and Grant Claims to the Board of Education, at the same remuneration as last year, viz., 30/-.

Summer Class in French.

RESOLVED—That the Syllabus Committee do consider the application for a Summer Class in French and report at the next meeting of the Committee.

Requisition Book

RESOLVED—That the Requisition Book, as presented by the Secretary for goods and work required by this Committee, be approved and that the Chairman do sign the Book.

Gas Urgency Committee.

HELD FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 1906.

Present—Councillors Riding (chairman), Dodgeon, Horne and Moorhouse.

Applications for Cookers

The Gas Manager submitted further list of names of applicants for Cookers received by him.

RESOLVED—That the applicants selected from the list by this Committee be furnished with Cookers subject to their respectively first entering into Agreements with the Council in the form approved and agreeing to the terms laid down by the Council and also subject to the Gas Manager being satisfied that the same will be kept in reasonable condition by the persons hiring the same, and that he be instructed to report to this Committee as to any of the provisionally approved applicants whom on enquiry he may not consider satisfactory.

Gas and Water Committee

HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7th, 1906.

Present—Councillors Riding (chairman), Jackson, Horne, Moorhouse, Foster, D'Arcy, Lonsdale, Briggs, Murphy, R. Ingham, Pollard, and Hargreaves.

GAS MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT, FEBRUARY, 1906.

	FEBRUARY, 1905.	FEBRUARY, 1906.	APRIL 1st to FEB. 28th, 1905.	APRIL 1st to FEB. 28th, 1906.
Retorts at Work (all averages) (total Retorts 90)	46·4	36·6		28 17
Retorts charged	4078	4019		35,208
Coal Carbonized	547 tons 17 cwts.	586 tons 0 cwts.	5170 tons 9 cwt.	5032 tons 2 cwt.
Estimated Coal in Stock ..	14 tons 11 cwts.	107 tons 14 cwts.	..	..
Gas produced per ton, Carb	10,092 Cubic Feet.	10,300 Cubic Feet.	9,989 Cubic Feet.	10,288 Cubic Feet.
Total Gas Produced ..	5,529,000 ,,	6,042,000 ,,	51,154,000 ,,	51,770,000 ,,
Increase——Decrease ..	Decrease 1,183,000 ,,	Increase 513,000 ,,	Decrease 1,946,000Cu. Ft.	Increase 616,000 ,,
Gas sent out	5,536,000 ,,	6,094,000 ,,	51,177,000 Cubic Feet	51,846,000 ,,
Increase——Decrease ..	Decrease 1,173,000 ,,	Increase 558,000 ,,	Decrease 1,857,000 ,,	Increase 669,000 ,,
Candle Power	Max. 19 Min. 17 } Av. 18·07	Max. 18·5 Min. 16·7 } Av 17·4	Max. 18·75 Min. 17·0 } Av. 17·87	Max. 18·5 Min. 16·0 } Av. 17·19
Weight of Coke Sold ..	382 tons 0 cwts. 0 qrs.	480 tons 3 cwts. 2 qrs.	2055 tons 0 cwts. 0 qrs	2384 tons 3 cwts 0 qrs.
Estimated Coke in Stock ..	350 tons	100 tons	..	..
Tar Sold	27 tons 16 cwts. 0 qr.	26 tons 8 cwts. 3 qrs.	308 tons 10 cwt 0 qrs.	283 ,, 13 ,, 2 ,,
Liquor Sold 6 per cent. T	43 tons 14 cwts.	48 tons 6 cwts.	395 ,, 12 ,,	394 ,, 9 ,, 0 ,,
Weight of Lime Received..	9 tons 15 cwts. 0 qr.	5 tons 5 cwts.	78 ,, 9 ,, 0 qrs.	21 ,, 10 ,, 0 ,,
Purifiers Changed	19	7	103	49
Received from Cash Sales..	£67 18 6	£67 10 7	£497 19 2	£459 4 6
TOTAL WAGES PAID ..	£150 11 0	£160 12 6	£1477 19 4	£1500 10 7
Manufacture (Analysis of Wages) Carbonising & Purf'ing	£96 19 4 } £112 3 5	£97 18 10 } £123 14 3	£759 17 6 } £1105 2 5½	£772 16 6 } £1076 7 1
Manufacture Repairs, Renewals, & Main'nce (at Works)	£15 4 1	£25 15 5	£354 4 11½	£303 10 7
Extension. Extension (at Works)	£	£	£	£
Extension. Main Extensions, and Servicing	£8 16 9 } £11 13 9	£2 11 1 } £10 10 11	£32 4 2½ } £113 8 6½	£40 14 5 } £103 3 11
Extension. Fixing Meters, Cookers	£2 17 5	£7 19 10	£81 4 4	£62 9 6
Meter Inspectors	£9 8 0	£9 8 0	£110 14 0	£110 9 0
Street Lighting. LAMPS—Light'g, etc.	£15 6 4 } £17 5 10	£16 19 4 } £16 19 4	£137 0 3 } £148 14 4	£150 13 0 } £210 10 7
Street Lighting. Repairs & Extensions	£1 19 6	£0	£ 11 14 2	£ 59 17 7

REMARKS :

A. J. HARRISON, ENGINEER AND MANAGER.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Gas Urgency Committee, held on the 23rd February, 1906, were read.

RESOLVED—That the same be approved and confirmed.

Gas Managers' Report

The Gas Manager's Report for the past month was taken as read.

RESOLVED---That the Report be received and entered on the minutes.

Coke.

RESOLVED—That on and after the 1st April, 1906, the price of Coke at the Gasworks be raised to 6d. per cwt.

Water Engineer's Report.

The Report of the Water Engineer for the past month was read:

Report

	Water in Reservoir.	Rainfall.
28th February, 1906	63 ft. 3 in.	3·50
28th February, 1905	63 ft. 3 in.	2·30

The average water in reservoir during same month for the past 11 years is 61 ft. 6 in.

RESOLVED---That the Report be received and entered on the minutes.

Tenders for Pipes

RESOLVED—That the tenders for pipes required in the Water Department, be opened.

RESOLVED—That the tender of the Stanton Iron Works, Stanton, be accepted.

Tenders for Tar and Liquor.

RESOLVED—That the Tenders for the purchase of Tar and Liquor made at the Gas Works between the 1st April, 1906, and the 31st March, 1907, be opened.

RESOLVED—That the Tender of Mr. John Metcalfe, of Altham, be accepted.

Carting—Gas Department.

RESOLVED--That the Tenders for Carting required in the Gas Department from April 1st, 1906, to March 31st, 1907, be opened.

RESOLVED--That the Tender of Messrs. H. and R. Dewhirst, of Padiham, be accepted.

Consumption of Gas by Ordinary and Slot Meters.

The Accountant submitted a statement showing the comparative consumption of Gas through Ordinary and Slot Meters.

(Comparison of Gas Consumptions :--Ordinarys and Slots.)

Consumption by meters in the houses of the undermentioned streets. Year ending Dec. 31st, 1904.

	Ordinarys.			Slots.		
	No. of Houses.	Cubic feet.	Average per House.	No. of Houses	Cubic feet.	Average per House.
STOCKBRIDGE WARD.						
Railway Terrace.....	64	474,300	7410	26	187,300	7204
Stockbridge Road	60	593,300	9888	30	192,000	6,400
Melbourne Street	12	106,900	8908	8	51,200	6,400
Palmerston Street	12	85,800	7,150	14	104,200	7,443
Canning Street	8	44,200	5.525	3	27,900	9,300
Totals..	156	1,304,500	8,362	81	562,600	6,945
PARTRIDGE HILL WARD.						
Ingham Street	35	262,700	7,506	30	192,600	6,420
Lawrence Street.....	28	266,100	9,503	8	67,800	8,475
Cobden Street	20	145 100	7.255	7	56,600	8,085
Totals..	83	673,900	8,119	45	317,000	7,044
GREEN WARD.						
Thompson Street	21	306,900	14,614	14	113,800	8,128
Whittaker Street	11	147,200	13,381	11	79,400	7,218
Totals..	32	454,100	14,190	25	193,200	7,728
Grand Totals..	272	2,432,500		151	1,072.800	

Total Ordinary Houses.. 272 .. Total Consumption .. 2,432,500 Average per House .. 8,943

Total Slot Houses .. 151 .. Total Consumption .. 1,072,800 Average per House .. 7,104

RESOLVED--That the same be received and entered on the minutes.

Shop—32, Burnley Road.

The Clerk reported that he had submitted the draft of an agreement for the tenancy of the shop, No. 32, Burnley Road, Padiham, to Mr. John Edward Harrison, for his approval, and that Mr. Harrison had returned same to him stating that he proposed to give notice to quit the shop and asking that the agreement should be made so that the notice could be given to expire in November.

RESOLVED—That the matter be referred to the Gas Urgency Committee for consideration and report.

Land at Gas Holder.

RESOLVED---That the land adjoining the Gas holder, recently occupied by Messrs. H. and R. Dewhurst, be let to the Horses and Stables Department on a yearly tenancy at a rent of £3 per annum, the tenancy to commence as from February 2nd, 1906.

Stop Taps to Gas Stoves.

RESOLVED---That Stop Taps be fixed with all Gas Stoves already put in and with any that still remain to be put in.

Requisition Books

RESOLVED---That the Requisition Books as presented by the Gas Manager and Water Engineer for the goods, materials, and work required for this Committee be approved, and signed by the chairman.

Accounts

The Accounts for the expenditure of this Committee having been examined,

RESOLVED---That the Accounts be submitted to the Finance and Assessment Committee, with a recommendation to pass the same for payment.

Building, Highways, Sewerage, &c., Committee.

HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, 1906.

Present—Councillors Horne (chair), Riding, Jackson, Hargreaves, Briggs, Moorhouse, Robinson, Foster, Pollard, Lonsdale, J. H. Ingham, R. Ingham, and Dodgeon.

Alteration to Co-operative Hall, Padiham

Councillor Jackson reported that he along with Councillors Foster, Pollard, and the Clerk had last Wednesday again met the Committee of Management of the Padiham Industrial

Co-operative Society, Ltd., and had urged upon them to accept the offer of £55 made by the Council for the land the Council desire to be added to the street which was shown on the plans originally submitted as within the building line, but that no definite answer was given by the Committee.

A letter was also read from the Secretary to the Padiham Co-operative Society stating that the Committee still adhered to their original offer for the sale of the said land to the Council.

RESOLVED—That Councillors Jackson, Foster, Pollard, and the Clerk do again meet the Committee of Management of the Padiham Co-operative Society, and that such deputation be authorised to make an offer of £75 to the Society for the said land, and in the event of the refusal of such offer thay are hereby authorised to make a maximum offer of £80, such offer to be an addition to the Council undertaking to make good the parapet fronting such building.

RESOLVED—That the Plans submitted by the Padiham Industrial Co-operative Society, Ltd., for proposed alterations to the Co-operative Hall, Padiham, be approved.

Special Sub-Committee.

Appointed by Building, Highway, Sewage, etc., Committee to consider and revise Bye-laws.

HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 1906.

Present – Councillors Foster and Horne.

Councillor Foster took the Chair.

Bye-Laws

The Committee, after considering the Bye-laws with respect to new Streets and Buildings, adjourned until Thursday, the 22nd February, 1906.

Special Sub-Committee.

Appointed by Building, Highway, etc., Committee to consider Bye-Laws.

HELD THURSDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1906.

Present—Councillors Horne, Briggs, Pollard, Foster, and Hargreaves.

RESOLVED—That in the absence of Councillor Jackson, the chairman of this Committee, Councillor Horne do take the chair at this meeting.

Bye-Laws

The Committee proceeded with the consideration of Clauses 1 to 21 inclusive, of the Model Bye-Laws relating to new Streets and Buildings, after which the meeting was adjourned.

Building, Highways, Sewage, etc., Committee.

HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7th, 1906.

Present---Councillors Horne (chairman), Riding, Hargreaves, Jackson, Moorhouse, Briggs, R. Ingham, Foster, Pollard, Murphy, Lonsdale, and D'Arcy.

Bye-Laws.

The Reports of the Special Sub-Committee appointed to consider and revise Bye-Laws relating to this Committee as appearing in the Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Sub-Committee held on the 8th and 22nd February, 1906, were read.

RESOLVED---That the Reports be received and entered on the Minutes.

Alterations to Co-operative Hall.

Councillor Jackson reported that he along with Councillor Foster and the Clerk, attended a meeting of the Committee of Management of the Padiham Co-operative Society on the 1st instant and arranged to purchase the land required by the Council for street improvements, for the sum of £80, the Council to make good the parapet in Burnley Road abutting on the Society's property.

RESOLVED---That the arrangement be confirmed, subject to the conditions to be contained in an agreement of purchase to be prepared by the Clerk to the Council.

Plans.

RESOLVED---That the Plan submitted by Mr Emanuel Howarth for alterations to his Laundry, situate in Brook Street, Padiham, be referred back for further consideration, the same not complying with the Bye-Laws of the Council and the Public Health Acts.

Private Street Improvements.

Letters read from Mr. Emanuel Howarth, dated the 19th and 27th February, 1906, relative to the improving of the condition of the Streets on the North and East Sides of his Laundry situate in Brook Street, Padiham.

RESOLVED---That Councillors Jackson, Briggs, and Horne, be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the matter along with the Surveyor, and report to the next meeting of this Committee.

Tenders for Materials in Surveyor's Department.

RESOLVED---That a Sub-Committee consisting of Councillors R. Ingham, D'Arcy, Lonsdale, and Horne, be appointed to consider the Tenders for materials required in the Surveyors' Department from the 1st April, 1906, to the 31st March, 1907, and report thereon to the next meeting of this Committee.

Drainage of Houses and Premises between River Calder and Burnley Road.

RESOLVED---That Notices be served on all property owners whose property now drains into the River Calder and which property is situate between Burnley Road and the River Calder, bounded by Padiham Bridge on the West and Institute Street on the East, requiring them to connect the drains of their several properties to the present sewer of the Council in Burnley Road.

Railing in Palmerston Street.

The Surveyor reported that the Agent for the Gawthorpe Estate informed him that the responsibility for fencing Green Brook, in Palmerston Street Padiham, between the Bridge and Mr. Thomas Graham's property, was with the owners of the Bridge.

RESOLVED--That notice to protect such wall be given to Mr. Thomas Noble, as the owner of the Bridge.

Requisition Book.

RESOLVED--That the Requisition Book as presented by the Sanitary Inspector for the goods, materials, and works required for this Committee be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Accounts.

The accounts for the expenditure of this Committee having been examined.

RESOLVED---That the Accounts be submitted to the Finance and Assessment Committee, with a recommendation to pass the same for payment.

Health Committee.

HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7th, 1906.

Present---Councillors Hargreaves (chairman), Riding, Jackson, Horne, Moorhouse, R. Ingham, Foster, Pollard, Muphhy, Lonsdale, and D'Arcy.

Medical Officers' Annual Report.

The Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1905, was read and the Surveyor submitted a statement as to the estimated population of the District of Padiham, on March 1st, 1906, taken on the basis of the Census of 1901.

Annual Medical Report.

Area 976 Acres. Population 13,000.
Estimated to middle of 1905.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council. February 14th, 1906.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my Report for the year 1905, and in doing so, am pleased to be able to state that it is the most favourable one I have as yet made, the death rate being comparatively low, and the infantile mortality being very much reduced, in fact it is reduced over ninety per thousand

births registered; this may perhaps be only a coincidence. It is very gratifying, however, even if it be only temporarily, to have discarded the unenviable notoriety of a high infantile mortality such as we had last year, also in the years 1899 and 1901, each of these being well over two hundred per thousand births registered.

Death Rate.

This is 13·84, as against 16·67 last year, and as against an average of 17·07 for the years 1901 to 1904 inclusive. There has been one death of a resident from this district in a public institution, which brings our exact nett death rate to 14·00.

Deaths.

These number 181; Males 78, Females 103. The chief causes:—Pneumonia 19, Bronchitis 13, Plurisy and other respiratory diseases 5, Phthisis and other tubercular diseases 17, Heart Disease 13, Cancer 9, Enteritis 6, Diarrhœa 1 Measles 1, Scarlet Fever 1, Diptheria 2, Typhoid Fever 1, Premature Birth 5, Accidents 5.

From the seven principal infectious diseases there have been six deaths as compared with twenty-one during last year; this gives a zymotic death rate of ·45, which is very favourable.

There are nine less deaths from chest troubles this year than last, the decrease being chiefly in children under one year.

The deaths from Phthisis and other tubercular diseases are rather more numerous (17) this year than last (11); this gives a Phthisis death rate of 1·30. This is only what might be called an allowable rate from this complaint.

Forty-six of the total deaths were in persons over sixty-five years of age.

Infantile Mortality.

The death rate of children under one year per thousand 38·88 births registered is ~~113·11~~, as against 222·22 last year, and against an average of 200·50 for the years 1901 to 1904 inclusive; for the years 1897 to 1904 inclusive, the average is 192·79. Much has been said lately about this subject, and one and all who take any interest in the matter, would welcome a solution of the problem, but as I have frequently said in my reports, a solution will be difficult to find so long as factory life for women is as it is—(1) the long working hours, (2) working for too long a period during pregnancy, (3) resuming work too soon after confinement, (4) a very indifferent knowledge of the feeding of infants, (5) the nursing-out system, and very often all these conditions are rendered very much worse by (6) too early and improvident marriages. Each one of these may cause respectively either in mother or child an indifferent state of health, and adds to the number of infantile deaths under the headings of (1) Premature Birth, Congenital Debility, &c., and (2) Diarrhœal Diseases, Chest Troubles, &c.

Deaths of children under one year total 40, as against 70 last year, and against an average of 65 for 1897 to 1904 inclusive. Chief causes:—Measles 1, Scarlet Fever 1, Diarrhœa, Enteritis, Gastritis 6, Debility 4, Tubercular Diseases 2, Meningitis 1, Convulsions 6, Bronchitis 5, Pneumonia 5, Suffocation 2, Premature Birth 5.

From this table it will be seen that there is a decided improvement in our district this year, diseases which might be reasonably attributed to the ill-health of the mother having

caused 11 deaths; those which might be attributed to the nursing-out system 10; and those which might be attributed to indifferent feeding 6.

Infectious Diseases.

104 cases:—Small Pox 4, Diptheria 6, Erysipelas 20, Scarlet Fever 69, Enteric Fever 4, Continued Fever 1.

Last year there were only 45. The difference is due to Scarlet Fever, there having been 58 more cases than last year. This is probably due to the fact that I could not effect the removal of the first two or three cases, and as a general rule in this district, it is practically impossible to get the isolation one would wish when the cases are kept at home, as in the first place, the people will not be persuaded of the necessity for it, and in the second they could not afford to do it.

Scarlet Fever has been spread over the whole year, the greatest number of cases being in May, June, August, and October.

Thirty-two	cases of	Scarlet Fever	were removed	to Sanatorium.	
Two	,,	Typhoid ,,	,,	,,	
Two	,,	Diptheria ,,	,,	,,	

Deaths in Hospital: Scarlet Fever 1, Diptheria 1.

I am confident that the Sanatorium is now being considered a great boon.

The Small Pox cases were all in January; one at Stone Moor Bottom, three in one house in Green Lane; all were traced to the previous cases we had in December, 1904; all were removed to Crown Point, and all did well. One occured in an unvaccinated child of six years of age, the other three in adults who had been vaccinated in infancy.

Births.

Number 305; Males 140. Females 165. (Illegitimate 15) Last year the total was 315. The birth rate is 23·46 as against 25.25 for 1904, and against an average of 26·99 for the years 1901 to 1904 inclusive.

Making allowances for our over-estimated population at the time I took up the appointment in 1897 up to 1900 inclusive, the birth rate would average over 28 The average for the next four years as stated above is 26·99, now it is 23·46, so as in other places, the rate is gradually falling, and as with the Infantile Mortality, it is a problem which is difficult of solution.

Water Supply.

Excellent and abundant.

Scavenging.

Satisfactorily carried out by the local authority

Destructor.

Though at present costly, is the only really sanitary method of dealing with refuse.

Drainage and Sewage Disposal.

Efficient; a satisfactory effluent is obtained.

Bakehouses

are in a good sanitary condition.

Slaughterhouses

are kept clean and healthy.

Lodginghouses

are regularly inspected, and comply with the regulation.

Sixty-five nuisances have been remedied. Eight notices of nuisances have been sent, and all have received the necessary attention. As I have already had occasion to remark this year in one of the quarterly reports, and as I have indeed remarked many times, our necessity of possessing our own disinfector is no less than it ever was, and until we get it, proper and systematic disinfection of clothes and bedding will not be carried out as it ought to be.

At the census in 1901, the number of inhabited houses was 2,760, now it is 3,108.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours obediently,
WALTER SMITHIES.

STATEMENT OF THE

Estimated Population of District

ON MARCH 1st, 1906, ON THE BASIS OF CENSUS, 1901, PREPARED BY THE SURVEYOR.

Ward.	No of Houses Inhabited.	Average per House Census, 1901.	No. of Population.
Bankhouse	527	4·07	2,145
Claybank	518	4·33	2,242
Partridge Hill	587	4·51	2,647
Stockbridge	994	4·55	4,522
Green	399	4·99	1,991
	3,025		13,547

220 Houses were uninhabited at the last Census, at present practically none are empty. There has also been 108 houses certified between April, 1901, to March 1st, 1906.

RESOLVED---That the Medical Officers' Report and the Surveyor's Estimation be entered on the Minutes.

Report of Sanitary inspector.

The report of the Sanitary Inspector for the past month was read.

REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I am to report that your Sub-Committee met on Friday, the 23rd day of February, at 2-30 p.m. Present--Councillors Hargreaves, Horne, Foster, D'Arcy, and Lonsdale, and a portion of Claybank and Partridge Hill Wards was inspected and the Committee suggest that more efficient attention should be given to the scavenging of the side streets, they also recommend that Notices be served to remedy the nuisances, viz. :--

Accumulation of Refuse behind wall facing House No. 26, East Street.

Removal of Ashpit in Back Giles Street.

Removal of Poultry kept in cellar behind Volunteer Inn, St. Giles Street.

To provide Doors and Locks to Closets and Ashplaces to house No. 1, East Street, and houses in Claybank Street and Rimmington Row, to provide Seats to Closets in Tickle Street.

To cleanse, limewash, ventilate, and give better light to the closets at the top of Thorn Street, and suggest for ventilation and light that the roof be taken from over the passage in front of closets.

Your obedient servant,
JOHN GREGSON.

RESOLVED—That the report be received and entered on the minutes.

Abatement of Nuisances.

RESOLVED---That Notices to abate the nuisances mentioned in the report of the Sanitary Inspector be served upon the respective persons responsible therefor.

Allotments.

RESOLVED--That the application of Mr. James Anderson to become tenant of Green Allotment, No. 19 be accepted subject to his entering into the usual agreement.

Defects in Sanitary Accommodation and Fire Escapes.

Read letter from Mr. J. H. Rogers, H.M. Inspector of Factories, asking if the defects of which notice has been given to the Council, in the Sanitary accommodation and Fire Escape required to be remedied at certain mills had now been remedied, and the Surveyor Reported that the work required to be done in each case had been done or commenced, except in the case of the Sanitary defects and Fire Escape required at Orchard Mill, Padiham, occupied by Messrs. Catlow & Co.

RESOLVED--That notice to remedy the Sanitary defects at Orchard Mill, Padiham, be given to Mr. Thomas Catlow, being the person responsible therefor.

Requisition Books.

RESOLVED--That the Requisition Books as presented by the Sanitary Inspector and Cemetery Registrar for the goods, materials, and works required for this Committee be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Accounts.

The Accounts for the expenditure of this Committee having been examined :

RESOLVED—That the accounts be submitted to the Finance and Assessment Committee with a recommendation to pass the same for payment.

Special Sub-Committee.

Appointed by the Finance and Assessment Committee to consider the question of non-payment of Rates by Council Employees.

HELD MONDAY, MARCH 5th, 1906.

Present—Councillors Moorhouse (chair) and Horne.

Council Employees and their Rates

RESOLVED—That in the opinion of this Sub-Committee, the Committee ought to recommend to the Council that, unless under very exceptional circumstances, the Council ought not to retain in its employ any person who fails to pay his rates.

Finance and Assessment Committee.

HELD WEDNESDAY MARCH 7th, 1906.

Present--Councillors Moorhouse (chairman), Riding, Horne, R. Ingham, Pollard, Murphy, Lonsdale, and Hargreaves.

RESOLVED--That this meeting do stand adjourned until Friday, the 9th March, 1906, at 2-15 p.m.

Finance and Assessment Committee.

HELD FRIDAY, MARCH 9th, 1906.

Present—Councillors Moorhouse, (chairman) Riding, Hargreaves, Horne, Robinson, Lonsdale, Foster, D'Arcy and Briggs.

The minutes of the Sub-committee appointed to consider the question of the non-payment of rates by Council employees, held on the 5th March, 1906, were read.

RESOLVED—That the same be approved and confirmed.

Accounts

RESOLVED—That the bills and accounts as presented to this Committee, and set out in the undermentioned summary, be passed and recommended to the Council for payment and that cheques be drawn therefor.

Analyzed Summary of Accounts

PASSED FOR PAYMENT, FEBRUARY, 1906.

Department or Account.	Amount.
ACCOUNTS INVOICED.	
Public Health and General	226 11 7
Gas	367 19 8
ACCOUNTS NOT INVOICED.	
EDUCATION.	
Technical Institute	14 5 7
GAS AND WATER.	
Gas A/cs. (Rents, Interest, &c.)	21 8 1
Gas Deposits Repaid	2 10 0
Water Accounts (Rents, Interest, &c.)	0 5 10
BUILDING, HIGHWAYS, &c.	
Sweet Home Houses	8 0 0
Disposal of Sewage	169 11 9
Fire Brigade	0 1 0

HEALTH.

Destructor	154	0	0
Allotments, (Green, Grove, etc.)	20	9	3
Cemetery	10	12	10
Notification of Infectious Cases Fees	1	12	6

FINANCE.

Wages	430	0	0
Legal and Parliamentary	9	2	6
Salaries and Wages	27	1	8
Establishment	21	1	9
District Rates refunded	2	5	9

CAPITAL, ETC., EXPENDITURE.

Gas Meters	8	13	9
Offices Furnishing, etc.	100	0	0
	£1595	13	6

Return of Griller.

The Accountant reported that Mr. James Edward Lee, of 54, Scott Street, Padiham, was desirous of returning the griller now in his possession.

RESOLVED---That same be taken back into stock subject to Mr. Lee forfeiting all payments he may have made in respect of same.

Slot Meters Collection Report.

The accountant submitted a report on the slot meters collection for the quarter ending December, 1905, such report also shewing the comparative return for the corresponding quarter in the previous year.

The Urban District Council of Padiham.

REPORT OF SLOT METERS COLLECTION,

Quarters ending December, 1904-1905

	Dec. Quarter, 1904.	Dec. Quarter, 1905.
Days of Collection . .	Jan. 2nd to 29th.	Jan. 5th to Feb. 2nd.
Number of Meters Cleared	810	934
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cash Collected	341 5 3	449 13 3
Average Cash per Meter	0 8 5	0 9 7½
Shortage Cash on Consumption	7 5 9	4 9 5
Gas Consumed as per Registered . .	2,091,600	2,726,000

Further Details, Dec. Quarter, 1905.

	No.	£	s.	d.
Meters showing Shortage over 6d.	20	1	17	3
Meters showing Surplus over 6d.	10	0	10	2
Meters Short 3d., and not more than 6d. . .	95	1	8	11
Meters containing too much, 3d. to 6d. . .	2	0	0	6
Nett Shortage		1	17	11

The nett leakage this quarter is heavier than last, owing to the inspectors having taken out of each meter the cash equal to the amount registered as consumed in gas and replaced the balances.

The total Gas consumed by Slot Meters in 1904 was 5,281,800 c.f., and in 1905, 7,063,300 c f., being an increase of 1,781,500 c.f.

The average consumption per meter for the year 1904, as near as can be ascertained, was about 7,010 c.f., and in 1905, about 7,990 c.f.

The total cash received from Slot Meters in 1904, was £866, and in 1905 £1,165, being an increase of £299.

R. T. WHITEHEAD.
District Accountant.

February 7th, 1906.

RESOLVED---That same be received and entered on the minutes.

Supplemental General District Rate.

The Accountant having reported that new properties had been assessed by the Assessment Committee of the Burnley Union as follows:

Rateable Value..£283 16s. 3d., and the amount of the Rate at 4/- in the £, £56 15s. 3d..

RESOLVED---That the Council be recommended to seal and levy a Supplemental Rate at 4/- in the £ upon the above-mentioned new properties.

Loan.

Read letter from Mrs. N. J. Briggs, of Blackburn, who was jointly interested in a mortgage with the Council, and stating that she understood, before seeing the Bond, that same was made out for a term of 3 years, but that she had now discovered that it was made out for 5 years.

RESOLVED--That the Mortgage Bond mentioned be altered so as to make same for a term of 3 years from date of Mortgage if it is so desired.

Report of Deputation

Appointed by Finance and Assesment Committee to meet Directors of the Padiham Aerated Water Co., Ltd., to deal with the Company's letter of the 5th December last, making certain claims *re* Smithygate Buildings.

SMITHYGATE MILL.

The Chairman along with the Clerk, Accountant and Surveyor visited Smithygate Mill on the 5th March, 1906, and there met the Directors of the Padiham Aerated Water Co., Ltd., who pointed out the alterations which had been made at the expense of the Company and in respect of which the Company thought they ought to have some consideration from the Council.

The Chairman recommended that the further consideration of the matter should stand over until after the completion of the purchase.

RESOLVED—That the Report be received and entered on the minutes.

Inquests in Council Chamber.

The Surveyor reported that the Police had held an inquest in the Council Chamber recently, and that the Caretaker had only received 1/- as remuneration for cleaning

the room, and Councillor Moorhouse observed that the Council Chamber ought not now to be used by them, as they had at their disposal the Police Court, which was not in existence at the time permission was given to use the Council Chamber.

RESOLVED--That the Clerk do notify the proper authorities that inquests must not be held in the Council Chamber in future.

Covering of Chairs in Council Chamber.

RESOLVED---That a cloth cover be obtained for the covering of the chairs in the Council Chamber, whilst the same are not in use.

Desks in Council Chamber.

RESOLVED--That a plain plinth be put round the bottom of the inside of the desks in the Council Chamber, of the same pattern, but not of the same quality as that which is already fixed at the bottom of the outside of the desks.

Requisition Book

RESOLVED--That the Requisition Book as presented by the Accountant for the goods, materials, and works required for the use of the Council be approved and signed by the Chairman of the Committee.